

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Establishment – Horticulture Department – Filling up the posts of 67 (Sixty Seven) Horticulture Officers by direct recruitment through Selection Committee on par with the existing procedure followed by the Agriculture Department in recruitment of Agriculture Officers – Permission – Accorded.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (HORTI.) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 207

Dt: 21-8-2009.

Read the following :-

1. G.O.Ms.No. 17, A&C (Horti.) Dept., dt. 24.1.2009.
2. Representation from AP Horticultural Officers Association, dated 9.2.2009 & Dt.10.2.2009.
3. From COH, AP.,Hyd., Lr.No. Estt.I(1)141/2003, dt. 8.6.2009.
4. Govt. Memo.No. 2525/Horti./A1/2009, dt. 27.6.2009.
5. From DOH, AP.,Hyd., Lr.No.Esst.I(1)141/2003, dt. 3.7.2009.

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ORDER:-

In the reference 1st read above, Government have issued orders permitting the Commissioner of Horticulture, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, to fill up (30) vacant posts of Horticulture Officers through Selection Committee by direct recruitment, as per existing procedure followed by the Agriculture Department in the recruitment of Agriculture Officers duly withdrawing the recruitment procedure from the purview of AP Public Service Commission.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the President, AP Horticultural Officers Association has stated that on their request to fill up the (79) vacant Horticulture Officers in the Department, Government vide reference 1st read above have permitted the Commissioner of Horticulture, Hyderabad to recruit only (30) Horticulture Officer Posts. Further, they have stated that, the Department of Horticulture is implementing various schemes on massive scale ie., State Horticulture Mission, AP Micro Irrigation Project, Jalayagnam & RKVY etc., and the work load has increased many folds. At present the Horticulture Officers who are working on out sourcing contract basis are going away from the department, whenever they get selected against permanent posts in other departments. In many districts Horticulture Officer posts are lying vacant and one Horticulture Officer is in-charge for 2 or 3 Horticulture Officer posts and handling heavy workload. In view of the above, the said Association requested to fill the remaining 49 sanctioned Horticulture Officer posts, so as to deliver field level service in implementation of various Horticulture schemes like SHM, APMIP, Jalayagnam etc., in time.

3. The Director of Horticulture, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad vide reference 5th read above, has reported that Government was requested to permit the department to fill up (79) vacant posts of Horticulture Officers by direct recruitment through Selection Committee. But, Government vide reference 1st read above have given permission to fill up only (30) vacant Horticulture Officer posts. Out of these (30) posts, 26 candidates were

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recruited as Horticulture Officers through Selection Committee leaving (4) posts unfilled due to non availability of candidates. Further, the Director of Horticulture, has further stated that, the department have promoted some of the Horticulture Officers as Assistant Directors of Horticulture and therefore some more posts of Horticulture Officers have fallen vacant in the department. Thus, 67 posts of Horticulture Officer are vacant and same needs to be filled up by direct recruitment through Selection Committee. The Director of Horticulture has also reported that these vacancies are against the sanctioned posts and the pay and allowances will be met from regular departmental budget only. Therefore, the Director of Horticulture has requested the Government to accord permission for filling up of (67) vacant posts of Horticulture Officers as early as possible as the department is facing much inconvenience to implement various seasonal and time bound programmes like Vegetable Development Programmes, SHM APMIP etc.. The Director of Horticulture further reported that there is an imperative need to fill up the (67) vacant posts of Horticulture Officers as the farming community needs the technical services of these officers essentially for extension work at field level to improve the various interventions in crop production.

4. Government after careful consideration, hereby permit the Director of Horticulture, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, to fill up the 67(Sixty Seven) vacant posts of Horticulture Officers in Horticulture Department through direct recruitment by following the selection process which is being adopted by Agriculture Department in the recruitment of Agriculture Officers and to make applicable the rules of Horticulture Department with regard to educational qualifications etc. by following the Rule of Reservation, subject to meeting the expenditure from regular departmental budget only.

5. The Director of Horticulture, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, shall take immediate necessary action in the matter and send compliance report to Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

PANKAJ DWIVEDI,
APC & SPL.CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,ATM.

To

The Director of Horticulture, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Pay and Accounts Officer, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Secretary, AP Public Service Commission, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Registrar, AP Horticultural University, PB No.7, Tadepalligudem,
West Godavari District.

The P.S. to Special Secretary to CM.

The P.S. to M(Agri.&Horti.)

The P.S. to APC & Spl.C.S. to Govt.,ATM.

The P.S. to Prl.Secy.to Govt.,(Agriculture).

The Finance (SMPC) Department.

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SECTION OFFICER